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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MPOL NATO DPC
SUBJ: AGENDA FOR DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, 17-18 MAY 1977

REF: STATE 070778 (DTG 310016Z MAR 77)

SUMMARY: THERE FOLLOWS BELOW THE DRAFT AGENDA (NOT YET APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION) FOR THE MAY DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, WHICH WE OBTAINED FROM THE IS SECRETARIAT MARCH 31. IT INCLUDES STANDARD ITEMS, SUCH AS STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP AND THE CMC AND MBFR, AND AGREES WITH OUR ESTIMATE OF OTHER ITEMS THAT SHOULD HAVE FILTERED INTO THE SECRETARIAT FROM THE IS DIVISIONS. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A RESTRICTED SESSION. WE ASSUME THAT, AS IN THE PAST, WASHINGTON WILL WANT A RESTRICTED SESSION. WE WILL PROVIDE, BY SEPTEL, OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR SECRETARY BROWN'S INTERVENTION IN RESTRICTED SESSION, AS WELL AS OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SECDEF'S STATEMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL ITEMS IN PLENARY SESSION, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS IF NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE ANY US INITIATIVES. ACTION REQUESTED: CONFIRMATION THAT WASHINGTON DESIRES A RESTRICTED SESSION, TOGETHER WITH GUIDANCE ON TIMING, ATTENDANCE, AND, IF POSSIBLE, SUBJECTS SECDEF INTENDS TO RAISE. END SUMMARY.
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I. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROGROUP.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL PROVIDE ADVANCE INFORMATION ON THE EUROGROUP MINISTERIAL AGENDA FROM THE EUROGROUP STAFF GROUP SECRETARY AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE, AND OBTAIN COPIES OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE FOR THE WASHINGTON PARTY'S INFORMATION ON THE EVENING OF MAY 16.

II. NATO DEFENSE PLANNING.

A. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT IS NOT USUALLY AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING.

B. MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE 1977.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: DRC MEETS TO CONSIDER THIRD DRAFT (USNATO 1609 - DTG 221330Z MAR 77) ON APRIL 5 AND THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK AS NECESSARY.

C. FLEXIBILITY.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: THE EWG, WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREPARING THE REPORT TO MINISTERS, HAS ALLOCATED TO VARIOUS NATO COMMITTEES (E.G., DRC, MC) RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL MEASURES IN THE NATO FLEXIBILITY STUDIES (LESS THOSE FOR UKAAIR). EWG CHAIRMAN PANSAS HAS ASKED THE CHAIRMEN OF THESE COMMITTEES TO PROVIDE REPORTS COVERING THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, TO REACH HIM BY APRIL 13. PANSAS HAS SUGGESTED THAT THESE REPORTS, FIRST, STATE IN GENERAL TERMS WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AND WHAT SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED AND, SECONDLY, IDENTIFY A SHORT LIST OF MEASURES WHERE MINISTERIAL SUPPORT OR IMPETUS IS REQUIRED. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS SPRING MEETINGS, THERE ARE PRESENTLY NO PLANS FOR A GENERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION. THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH A REPORT WAS OBTAIRED BY THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MORE FAR REACHING

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III. COOPERATION IN DEFENSE EQUIPMENT MATTERS.

A. HARMONIZATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NATIONAL EQUIPMENT

PROGRAMS.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: DOCUMENT IS TO BE WRITTEN BY SYG LUNS AND ASYG LABERGE. (REFERENCE USNATO 1658, DTG 231823Z MAR 77)

B. INTEROPERABILITY REPORT.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: IS HOPES TO CIRCULATE FIRST DRAFT EARLY THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON INTEROPERABILITY ON APRIL 14.

C. INTEROPERABILITY AND SECURITY OF MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS IN NATO.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: USNATO 1509, DTG 161952Z MAR 77 REFERS.

D. (IN BRACKETS) IMPLEMENTATION OF NATO AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS.
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IV. (IN BRACKETS) INFRASTRUCTURE: ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD 1975-1979.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: AN AGENDA ITEM WOULD BE PREPARED AS A LAST MINUTE ACTION BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE ONLY IF BELGIUM AND ITALY HAVE FAILED TO DECLARE THEMSELVES OR WERE NOT ABLE TO JOIN THE MAJORITY.

V. MUTUAL AND BALANCED FORCE REDUCTIONS.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: USUALLY THERE IS NO DOCUMENT FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM.

VI. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

VII. COMMUNIQUE.

STATUS OF DOCUMENT: WE DO NOT EXPECT THE DRC TO TURN TO THE COMMUNIQUE UNTIL LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY. WE WILL PROVIDE OUR SUGGESTIONS BY SEPTTEL.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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